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TAGS: GATT ETRD

SUBJECT: GATT PANEL ON DISC AND TELATED TAX PRACTICES

REF: GENEVA 0027

1. GATT DEPUTY DG CALLED US TODAY TO SAY THAT DG LONG VERY ANXIOUS TO GET GATT PANEL ESTABLISHED AND WORKING AND THAT HE WAS THINKING OF CALLING U.S. AND EC REPS TO HIS OFFICE TO DISCUSS MATTER LATER THIS WEEK. WE REPORTED THAT WE AND COMMUNITY NOW SEEM TO HAVE AGREED ON COMPOSITION OF PANEL AND ONLY QUESTION REMAINING CONCERNED WHO WOULD BE CHAIRMAN. WE ALSO REPORTED WE WAITING FOR WASHINGTON'S VIEW ON LATTER POINT AND IF THEY AGREED TO MARIADASON MATTER WOULD HAVE BEEN RESOLVED. ACCORDINGLY, PATTERSON AGREED IT WOULD BE PREFEREABLE TO AWAIT WASHINGTON REAXTION TO REFTEL BEFORE DECIDING WHETHER LONG SHOULD CONVENE MEETING.

2. PATTERSON STATED SECRETARIAT CONSIDERED THAT BOTH
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GABRIELSSON AND MARIADASON WOULD BE COMPETENT

CHAIRMAN FOR PANEL. THEY CONSIDERED MARIADASON
HAD DONE GOOD JOB IN CHAIRING OTHER GATT GROUPS.
PATTERSON ADDED THAT THEIR EXPERIENCE HAD BEEN THAT
THERE WAS GREAT ADVANTAGE IN HAVING LOCALLY
BASED CHAIRMAN GATT GROUPS AND, THEREFORE, AGREED
THAT EC HAD GOOD BASIS FOR FAVORING MARIADASON ON THIS SCORE. PATTERS
ON ALSO
SAID THAT BOTH PREST AND FORTE HAD ACCEPTED GATT
PROPOSED TERMS AND REMUNERATION BUT THAT THEY DID
NOT HAVE FINAL AGREEMENT FROM GABRIELSSON OR MARIADASON
TO SERVE. THEY ACCORDINGLY VERY ANXIOUS TO WORK
OUT FINAL ARRANGEMENTS BEFORE ANY OF PRESENTLY CON-
TEMPLATED MEMBERS BECOME UNHOOKED.

3. REQUEST PROMPT WASHINGTON AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT
MARIADASON AS CHAIRMAN. DALE

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